

Newsletter



St Mark's School exists to provide a balanced education, where a child's academic, cultural, physical, social and spiritual needs are identified and nurtured in a dynamic Christian environment, grounded in the Anglican way and supported by a family orientated community.



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Tēnā koutou katoa,

This week I am enjoying some teaching time in Waka Hourua while staff are away on Year 8 camp. It is without doubt one of the most important things I could do, ensuring I remain connected to students and their learning. Differing styles ensure a rich fabric of teaching and learning, but with a single focus that relationship is key.

BBQ

Despite the chilly conditions, the fun last Friday at the Back to School BBQ was obvious with opportunities to connect with each other. There are numerous chances in the year to connect with each other, and on this occasion we thank the Parents' Association for their generosity. The salads were stunning, prompting one parent to suggest a book of St Mark's salads would be a welcome addition to his collection!

Three-way Conferences

These are set down for **28th February and 1st March**. The booking system will be live from Friday at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, enter code a9et5. These are earlier this year, to enable early conversations with your child as to what 2017 will hold.

Principal Coffee Catch Up

I would like to extend to new parents to St Mark's School an invitation to a "catch up" date with me on **Friday 3rd March 8.45am - 9.15am in the Staffroom/Boardroom**. This is an informal gathering and I look forward to seeing many of you then. Each term I will host these "catch ups" with one for each learning team to be scheduled in Terms 2, 3, and 4.

Itinerant Music

In 2017 we welcome two new faces to St Mark's School. **Lorenz Weston-Salzer** has joined us offering violin lessons, and **Slade Hocking** who is teaching brass instruments to students. We are thrilled to have secured the services of such high calibre musicians and look forward to their contribution to the wider life of the school. WELCOME!
As most itinerant teachers have full rolls, this augurs well for the future of music at St Mark's.

Website

Currently on the website there is new information about the local Opāwaho area and the position of our school within that. The St Mark's narrative is being written there, including an exposition written by Senior Student Sophia Goodrick. In it she eloquently posits each learning team within the St Mark's story making connections with the narrative and our journey in this school.

Teaching and Learning

Over two days in January, staff worked together to discuss our curriculum, our extra curricula activities, assessment and how we can work to personalise learning for every student. As we continue to refine our practice, I will share over the coming weeks some of what has been our focus and how we can partner with you for the best outcomes for your child. Your class teacher is the best place to start if you have any questions!

Blessings everyone
Averil

School Notices

Upcoming Events

16 Feb	Parents' Association AGM - 7.30pm
14-17 Feb	Year 8 Camp
20 Feb- 3 Mar	Y4-8 Swimming
21 Feb	SUBWAY Lunch
24 Feb	Swimming Sports

Church Certificates

Kereru	Laurika de Lange
Ti Kouka	Aria Rogers
Kotuku	Olivia Meyer
Paua	Heath Harpur
ToeToe	Sophie Field-Dodgson

Bank account information – when paying an invoice to St Mark's.

Just a reminder of the bank account to use when paying invoices to the Board of Proprietors and the Board of Trustees.

St Mark's Board of Proprietors: 020800-0014224-00

Attendance Dues, Special Character Contribution and Parents Association Contribution.

St Mark's Board of Trustees: 031599-0032504-00

Camps, trips, school donation, swimming, technology etc.

If you require any further information please make contact with me.

Thank you - Louise

SPORTS RESULTS

Waterpolo

St Mark's Gold 6 v St Mark's Maroon 5

Player of the Day: Olivia Carlile-Smith

St Mark's Maroon 10 v St Patrick's 4

Player of the Day: Max Wright

HOCKEY

There have been a number of enquiries about school hockey this year. There will no St Mark's school hockey teams playing in the Saturday morning competition.

Canterbury Hockey is restructuring the Junior Competition and encouraging school players to play for clubs. Contact details for Christchurch clubs are on the notice board in the school foyer and in Waka Hourua.

As in previous years the school will be encouraging and supporting hockey players by entering St Mark's teams in winter hockey tournaments.

Susan Fisher

PA Notices

Uniform Shop

PE HOODIES

Due to circumstances out of our control, the hoodies that were sent for neck adjustment are still not back from the makers. As soon as they arrive back at school they will be given to the children who were having them altered and the rest will be for sale in the Uniform Shop.

Thank you for your understanding.

General Notices

Back by popular demand 🥳🥳🥳 Ladies Only Boxfit Class....first one for the year and what a year it is going to be! Come and box it out with other Mums in our purpose built gym; all fitness levels suitable and no boxing experience required. Bring gloves if you have them but can supply some for those who don't.

Where: Knockout Training, 102 Bamford Street, Woolston

When: Tuesday 21st February

Time: 7:15 pm

Cost: \$15 with all proceeds going to Orphan's Aid International and the tremendous work they do.

Text: 027 777 5009

See you there! Olivia Martyn (Ruby Hawera's Mum), Boxfit Instructor



